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SUBJECT: ESCORT DUTY FOR SOLID STATE PHYSICS DELEGATION

REF: A. STATE 159464; B. HONG KONG 7869

1. PRCLO COUNSELOR HSIEH CHI-MEI CALLED DEPARTMENT (CU) AUG 11 AND MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT REGARDING VISA APPLICATION FOR RICHARD BOCK TO ACCOMPANY SOLID STATE PHYSICS GROUP: "THE VISIT OF THE US SOLID STATE PHYSICS GROUP TO CHINA IS AN EXCHANGE BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES AGREED UPON BY THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN SIDES. AS IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE US CONSULATE GENERAL IN HONG KONG, IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR AN OFFICIAL OF THE US CONSULATE GENERAL IN HONG KONG TO ACCOMPANY THE GROUP ON ITS TOUR OF CHINA. WE THEREFORE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO AGREE."

2. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A FURTHER INDICATION OF PRC RETURN TO HARD LINE ON TRAVEL BY CONGEN OFFICERS TO PRC. PRC HAS BEEN UNCOOPERATIVE ON NUMBER OF RECENT TRAVEL MATTERS (INCLUDING HART VISA AND, USLO ESCORT FOR CODEL PERCY),
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AND WE PLAN TO RAISE BOCK VISA WITH PRCLO IN CONTEXT OF

OVERALL PROBLEM.

3. HOWEVER, IF CHINESE ARE ADAMANT, WE MAY HAVE TO
ASSIGN USLO OR DEPARTMENT OFFICER TO REPLACE BOCK AS
ESCORT. REQUEST USLO'S VIEWS ASAP AS TO WHETHER THEY
WISH ASSIGN ESCORT TO REPLACE BOCK IF THIS PROVES
NECESSARY. SHOULD DEPARTMENT HAVE TO NOMINATE ESCORT,
WE HAVE IN MIND CHRIS SZYMANSKI, PRESENTLY ASSIGNED IN
INR/REA. KISSINGER

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